

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

a' 17. (Amended) The integrally bladed turbine disk assembly of Claim 18, 16
wherein the contact force is received by an arcuate pocket formed into the axial face of
the integrally bladed turbine disk.

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1 through 20 are currently pending in the application. Claim 19 has been amended. Bases for the amendment can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed and as such, no new matter has been presented. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the above amendments and remarks set forth below.

Claim Amendments and Claim Rejections Based on 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 19 has been rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection has been rendered moot.

Applicant notes that the above amendment to Claim 19 has changed the dependency of Claim 19 from Claim 17 to Claim 18. Applicant notes that the contact force limitation is introduced in Claim 18 and as such, proper antecedent basis for this limitation is now provided in Claim 19. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner